

SENATE BILL 479

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 16 and Title 17, relative to judges.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 17-2-309, is amended by deleting subsection (b) and substituting the following:

(b) If, following the consultations, the supreme court appoints a senior justice or judge, the administrative director of the courts shall file a report with the commissioner of finance and administration and with the finance, ways and means and government operations committees of the senate and the house of representatives, the senate judiciary committee, and the civil justice committee of the house of representatives, stating the number of justices or judges to be appointed, the reasons for the appointment, and the circuits or courts expected to be served.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 17-2-309, is further amended by deleting the first sentence in subsection (c) and substituting the following:

By no later than February 1 of each year, the administrative director of the courts shall file a report concerning the utilization of the senior justices and judges with the finance, ways and means and government operations committees of the senate and the house of representatives, the senate judiciary committee, and the civil justice committee of the house of representatives and with the commissioner of finance and administration.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.